

TRINITY TODAY

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RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST EQUIP PEOPLE
WITH A VITAL, LIVING FAITH SEND US INTO THE WORLD
TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME**

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How do we grow a closer relationship with Jesus? What is our responsibility as a church in helping people grow in faith? What does a vibrant faith formation process look like within a congregation? We are wrestling with these questions for the sake of growing faithful followers of the risen Christ.

In March Council named a Faith Formations Principles Task Force; a small group of people tasked with naming what they believed should be central to Trinity's work in this area. Below, in no particular order, are the principles they have identified:

- *The home is the best place for faith in Christ to be taught and caught. The church's role is to equip parents and children to engage with each other in faith conversations.
- *Faith is continually growing through the classroom, worship, small groups, music, drama, dance, service and more.
- *Our core beliefs are Christ centered, biblically based and authentically Lutheran.
- *All are welcome. We value and encourage diverse voices of all ages and abilities as we live and learn together in our faith community.
- *Children and youth of all ages have an essential role in our congregation and we create active roles for our children and youth in our church community.

Staff, along with the Family Life Committee, will use these principles as we look at building our Faith Formation Program from birth through High School. In early May we have invited all of our parents of kids in our Confirmation Program to come together and help us shape our program for the future. The Principles above will help guide our work.

Why? Part of our mission statement says that we strive to "...**Equip people with a vital, living faith.**" That work begins at birth, in the way we walk with new parents. It continues through the toddler years in the way we equip parents to talk about faith and is shaped by each stage of development. Through our principles you will notice a desire for young people to be active participants in the life of the congregation – which we hope sends a message that this is their church as well.

If you have questions or comments I would love to hear them. Blessings all.

Pastor Mark

In May you will notice a new face in the church office. Klarissa Pudwill has been hired as our next Office Administrator. Her first day of work will be May 10th. She will work with Jan through the end of the month learning the ins and the outs of the position.

Our office hours will also change with this transition of staff. Klarissa will work Monday through Friday 8 to 5. As time goes on those hours may be adjusted.

Congregational Relationships

Heather Baumann—baumann@trinitybismarck.com
Congregational Relationships Coordinator

Connect Groups

Sundays

Fellowship, coffee, and scripture following the 8:30A.M. worship service. Scripture study will begin promptly at 9:45A.M. in the Community Center.

Church Coed Sand Volleyball, Sunday nights in the summer at Pioneer Park. Contact Heather Baumann, Relationships Coordinator if you are interested in playing on a team. baumann@trinitybismarck.com

Mondays

Noon Ladies Study, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00P.M. in room 212. (We will continue through May, pause for the summer, and resume in the fall)

Journey with Paul, May 3rd and 10th at 6:30 P.M. in room 212 & via zoom.

The Book of Philippians video Series, May 24th - July 19th at 6:30P.M. (July 5th no study). In room 212 & via zoom.

"Root" Beer and Hymns first Monday of each month starting May 3rd at 7:00P.M. in our outdoor Peace Chapel. Bring your own chair or blanket.

Lutherans in Leather, May 10th at 6:00P.M. Meet in the parking lot for a short devotion, route planning, and ride.

Tuesdays

GIFTS Bible Study, connecting, thinking about scripture, faith and life while pondering how God might want to use us. 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30P.M. Email Pastor Mark for the zoom link.

Ministry Opportunity—God has given each of us gifts and talents to build up the body of Christ. We need more people like you to serve the church in a multitude of areas. There is something for everyone. Visit our website to sign up. Click "Get Involved" then click "click here for sign up" or contact Heather.

Retirement Celebration!

We are so excited to be able to celebrate with Jan Sparrow on her retirement! Jan has served as the office administrator for over 35 years and we are overjoyed to be able to honor her in this way. We would like to invite everyone to join us as we fellowship with Jan and celebrate her and the years she has dedicated to Trinity.



Please join us on **May 16th following the 10:30A.M. worship service**. We will celebrate outside on the lawn near the Peace Chapel. In case of inclement weather we will meet in the Community Center. We will have cake, bars, goodies and refreshments for you to enjoy, as we reminisce and honor our dear friend Jan. Cards of appreciation are welcome.

If you would like to help by providing bars/goodies for this celebration please contact Amy Peterson, 701-400-5292 or amyfeist@hotmail.com.

Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

Vacation Bible School

June 13-16 from 6 to 8 p.m. for children age 4 to grade 5
Join us for a fun week of games, crafts, Bible stories and more!

- Sunday through Tuesday we'll go from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 16 we'll celebrate with supper at 5:15 and worship together at 6 p.m. The kids will sing a couple songs for worship that night.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! See Gracia with questions.
Register online at trinitybismarck.com.

Summer Youth Trip—Let's Canoe!

FOR YOUTH ENTERING 8TH-12TH GRADE

August 1-6, 2021

We're keeping it local this year and canoeing down the Missouri River beginning at the Garrison Dam. They will spend the night at campgrounds along the way. This trip is led by Camp of the Cross. Space is limited! We have some fundraising and campership funds available to help cover cost. See Gracia for details.

Trinity Camperships

Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of \$150 to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries attending Bible Camp. To receive your campership, contact Gracia at Trinity: 223.3560 or gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com.



Check out Camp of the Cross's summer camps at www.campofthecross.com.

Thank You!

A special thank you to all our church school teachers & confirmation guides this year. We appreciate the time and care you share with the children & youth at Trinity.

CONFIRMATION GUIDES: Lisa Bucholz, Nicole Conoly, Jodi Entzel, Patrick Entzel, Amy Gebhardt, Kristy Gierke, Landa Gunderson, Kristen Hager, Kyle Haman, Beth Hubley, Trey Hubley, Matt Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Scott Johnson, Jessica Koble, Ron Kopp, Lindsay Kostecky, Kristin Larson, Larry Larson, Samantha McGrath, Kirsten McIntyre, Karla Merkel, Nikki Mills, Becky Olsen, Barbra Pfiefer, Kiki Schatz, Tracie Seibel, Connie Stordalen

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS: Bergen Ackerman, Adam Barden, Regan Braun, Sarah Feist, Scott Houser, Mackenzie Johnson, Shila Leno, Samantha McGrath, Hannah McIntyre, Avery Mills, Rio Mills, Eric Peterson, Mia Peterson, Kiana Saylor, Susan Wefald, Denise Wetzel, Beau Zander, Blaike Zander

Musical Moments

Mary Lou Aune—aune@trinitybismarck.com
Director of Worship and Music

Enter to Worship + + Depart to Serve

Trinity is a place where we are blessed with talented, dedicated people who have a variety of skills. *And, by the way, that does include YOU.*

So, it might be helpful to lift up some of the ways you might use your skills and talents to the glory of God and the benefit of both our congregation and community. Here are just two areas where your talent might intersect with the worship needs of Trinity:

Hospitality. Members of all ages can use their natural gift of greeting and welcoming every time they (you) come in the door. You are needed to usher, greet, read, serve communion; all tasks that show how much we value and celebrate all who gather for worship. And if you are unfamiliar with the tasks, we will train you! More information is available at the Welcome Center in the narthex, or by calling the church to speak with Heather or me.

Music Group Participation. As we discover our “new normal” it is our hope that we’ll be able to expand the ensembles that have been so devoted to leading our worship during the pandemic season. But even now, if you’d like to help lead hymns at the 8:30 worship, come in about 8-8:15 and we’ll be happy to have you sing. If you’re more inclined to participate in the “blended” sounds of the 10:30 worship, speak to Mary Lou or to any of the group members to find out how/when to get on board.

How do we reach Pastor Mary Lou? At this time, you will generally find her in the church building Monday through Thursday from 9-Noon, also in on Wednesday afternoon and evening, and here on Sunday morning. Her voice mailbox cannot receive messages, so if you call and wish to leave a message, either give it directly to the Office Administrator or leave it in their voicemail box. At other times she comes to the office for meetings, and continues her work at home.

Pray about this. Let the Spirit guide you to a new or renewed way of serving — bearing fruit that glorifies God. Your life will be richer for it.

The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com
Banquet Director



FREE community meals

Tuesday (5:30-7:00 p.m.) Take-out or sit down meals at Trinity.

Thursday (5:30-7:00 p.m.) Take-out or sit down meals at Trinity.

Saturday (Noon-1:00 p.m.) Take-out or sit down meals at Trinity.

Sunday (Noon-1:00 p.m.) Take out or sit down meals served at the salvation Army.

If you are interested in hosting or volunteering, please visit www.TheBanquetND.com

Campaign update

With deep gratitude for each gift or pledge given toward the Capital Campaign, we are pleased to let you know that \$924,845 has been committed toward the “*For Just Such a Time as This...*” capital campaign. 134 families and one business have contributed so far. Thanks for your generosity.

These pledges are enough to fully fund our first year of projects which will cost \$825,000. We are expecting work to begin by early June. It was our hope that window installation would begin earlier, but supply issues have pushed the start date back.

In the meantime, we will continue to receive pledges and gifts. The three-year goal is \$1.3 million. Again, thanks to all of you who have made a commitment. If you have not made a commitment yet we know that there is still time and all gifts are greatly appreciated.

Special Easter offering

Our special Easter offering this year went to Designer Genes. Total amount received was \$2,635. Thank you for your generous donations!

Rummage sale

There will be no rummage sale this spring. Stay turned for an announcement in the fall.

Your gifts Julie Schaffner — Schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

Month	Year-to-date	
March 2021	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$ 63,989.65	\$188,795.09
Expenses	<u>\$ 63,035.12</u>	<u>\$202,856.62</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$ 954.53</u>	<u>\$ (14,061.53)</u>

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center, or on Trinity's website.

We have also updated and simplified our website www.trinitybismarck.com in aiding you to give towards Trinity's Capital Campaign. The DONATE button allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation using PayPal or credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Julie Schaffner. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

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Our schedule

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship open to the public.

- * Social distancing using every other pew.
- * We will strongly encourage all worshippers to wear masks while in the building.
- * We will encourage all worshippers to leave immediately after worship—or move to their Connections Group or Sunday School gathering.
- * Pews will be sanitized after worship.

Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. meal offered weekly for worshippers.

6:00 p.m. worship indoors open to the public.

Videos are posted on our Facebook page and at trinitybismarck.com under 'Media – Trinity YouTube'.

- Thoughts of a Prairie Pastor— Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
- Congregational Updates Wednesday (if necessary)
- Bible Study Saturday with Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – Radio Broadcast – join us on 1270 Super Talk or the 'listen live' link on this website. You can also Live Stream on our Facebook page and YouTube. Bulletins are posted on the website.

We are happy to partner with Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

Trust Fund Spotlight



Fulfilling the Mission

For many people the upcoming summer months are a time of relaxing a little, moving at a slower – or at least different – pace, and setting aside some of the issues that were priorities in past months. Summer can, however, be a time for thinking and planning, so that one is ready to “hit the ground running” when the fall schedule begins. The Trust Fund Committee challenges you to use some of that thinking and planning time to help us identify ways the income from Trust Fund could be used most effectively to fulfill the mission of Trinity.

Trinity Lutheran Church exists to...

Welcome all people into relationship with Jesus Christ. Could we become more welcoming, not just into the church facilities, but into the faith journey we share? How might the Trust Funds help?

Equip people with a vital, living faith. Are we nurturing the faith of all age groups? Are there different ways to reach those people who do not respond to the methods we've used in the past? Do the Trust Funds have a role here?

Send us into the world to serve in Jesus' name. Seminary scholarships are one type of “sending”, but how can we prepare the average Trinity member in the pew to be “sent”? Could the Trust and Endowment Funds support new or different activities in this area?

As you reflect on these and other questions during the summer, please share your ideas about fulfilling Trinity's mission with the Trust Fund Committee. And if you have questions about making a gift to the Trust Fund or the North Dakota Tax Credit Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Susan Weiland, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Todd Lang.

Prayer list

Prayer is an essential part of our faith life. As part of the body of Christ we are called to pray for others who are sick, hurting or in need of healing. With this in mind, we have added a prayer list to our bulletin and newsletter. Names will be added only with the permission of the person being prayed for or an immediate family member.

If you would like your name added to the list please let Jan or one of the pastors know.

Please pray for Donna Burns, LaRayne Martel, Connie Kraft, Brenda Morgan, Mike Baltzer, Fran Wick and Paul Wraalstad.

New members received in April

We are happy to welcome the following new members into our Trinity family:

Daniel and Kathy Paulson; Laura Hoerner and Jeff Weigel

Pastoral Ministry

Baptisms:

Oliver MaveRick Schuh;
Maddox James Wilder Cruz Mayhew
Jack Henry Larson

Gifts and Memorials

In memory of Sylvia Watson by Jeannette Radig (Capital Campaign); Steve and Paula Schilling (Memorial Fund)

In memory of Hedy Schoenhard by Steve and Paula Schilling (Memorial Fund)

In memory of Phyllis Kindsvogel by Julius and Patricia Lorz (Memorial Fund)

David Meiers—Gift (Radio Fund)